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Re: HQ-2019-00946-F

Dear Ms. Best:

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Materials relating to or mentioning “freedom gas,” as described by U.S. Under Secretary of Energy Mark W. Menezes in the 28 May 2019 press release titled “Department of Energy Authorizes Additional LNG Exports from Freeport LNG: Advances commitment to U.S. jobs, economic growth, clean energy” (see attached). Please include but do not limit the response to:

1. Materials defining “freedom gas”
2. Materials defining or describing non-freedom gases.
3. Materials debating or discussing the term’s use.
4. Emails containing the phrase “freedom gas” sent to or from Menezes’ office since 6 November 2017.
5. Emails containing the phrase “freedom gas” sent to or from the press office since 1 May 2019
6. Materials defining “molecules of freedom.”
7. Materials defining or describing non-freedom molecules.
8. Emails containing the phrase “molecules of freedom” sent to or from Menezes’ office since 6 November 2017.
9. Emails containing the phrase “molecules of freedom” sent to or from the press office since 1 May 2019.

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(2), as a “educational” requestor. Requestors in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost.



You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above reference number in any communications with DOE about your request. If you have any questions about this letter or the processing of the request, you may contact Mr. Nicholas Mantzaris in this office at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 586-9804.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex/C', is written over the printed name.

Alexander C. Morris  
FOIA Officer  
Office of Public Information